

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS19984**

This bill provides discretionary authority to the fish and game commission to create rules for a mentored hunting program. As a hunter recruitment tool, several states have created mentored hunting programs that allow any person who has not yet received hunter education certification or acquired a hunting license to receive special authorization to hunt while being accompanied by a mentor. This allows a hunter to experience hunting before committing to hunter education and the provisions of Idaho Code 36-411 to get a hunting license in Idaho. This program would enhance hunter recruitment in Idaho.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

The fiscal impact is an estimated increase in revenue in the fish and game fund of less than \$15,000 in issuance fees for free mentored hunting authorizations. There will be no fiscal effect to the General Fund.

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